

Guidance News

March 2024

last minute details

It is almost the end of your senior year and some of you might still have concerns about what needs to be done and where you will be next year.

****If you have not yet applied to a postsecondary institution or apprenticeship position and you plan to, that needs to be done NOW.** We are running into a crucial time in your senior year and it is going to get very hectic. If you are planning on joining the workforce next year you need to be on the lookout for job fairs and openings. The WorkOne office will be able to give you a list of current jobs. You can also contact the WorkOne office about Next Level Jobs and the Work Ready Grant!!

***If you have not filed your **FAFSA** papers do so soon.** They must be in the state office no later than April 15th for you to be eligible for state aid. If you miss the April 15th deadline for state aid you can still file for federal aid. Some colleges have an earlier deadline. Make sure you are aware of the deadline for the school you are attending.

***If you are not going to file a **FAFSA** you must sign an opt-out form in the guidance office**

***Check your **FAFSA** after it is submitted for errors.**

***Students who have not taken the **SAT or ACT** need to do so on the March or April test date (see chart below).** It takes approximately 3 weeks to receive scores. Most colleges will not admit you until you have test scores.

Check out the guidance link on the school website to find helpful information for scholarships, careers, and college choices. You can also find a listing of current scholarships on the website:

www.svalley.k12.in.us

Dates to Remember– March

March 4- OC Community Foundation Scholarships open

March 8- Grading Period 3 over

March 12- Army lunch set-up

March 15- Report Cards posted

March 18-22- Spring Break

March 28- PJ's Beauty College lunch set-up

April 1- OC Community Foundation Scholarships due by 12:00 PM

April 15- FAFSA deadline

Students needing to turn in the Employability Skills Form need to do so **NOW**.



Reminders and info

Employability Skills– Make sure you have turned in a completed Employability Skills form by Spring Break. I sent emails last week to students who have not completed their form.

FAFSA– Don't forget the state deadline of April 15th. If you will not be filing a FAFSA you will need to sign the opt-out form in the guidance office. There is a federal government delay on FAFSA processing. Processing should start soon.

21st Century– If you are a 21st Century Scholar, make sure you are completing your ScholarTrack activities. Our 21st Century representative will be here April 9th to help students who have questions.

Senior spotlight– If you want to be included in the Facebook Senior Spotlight you have to have a senior picture turned in and the Google form submitted.

Last week of school– Graduation practice will be May 14th. Seniors who need to take finals will take those on May 15th and 16th. Students who do NOT have to take finals will be finished after graduation practice on the 14th.



Prom- April 27th

**Senior Night
May 15th
Time: 6:30**

Choosing A Major



Are you having a hard time deciding on a major for college? There is nothing wrong with being undecided your freshman year. When it does come time to pick a major there are a few things you should keep in mind: where do I want to live, how long do I want to work (how many hours a day), what type of lifestyle do I want to live, do I want to work with adults or children, do I like working with people, what are my hobbies, what am I good at, and if I could do anything what would it be? These are questions that should be considered when you are trying to decide what to do with the rest of your life. When you can answer all of these questions and are able to find a career that fits all of your answers, you are ready to declare a major. One last thing to keep in mind when choosing a major - where are you going to school? If the school you are attending does not offer that major than you need to change schools or majors. Remember you will never be truly happy with a career unless you enjoy it. This is an important decision, don't take it lightly.



CLASS DUES NEED TO BE PAID TO KARSON DALTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SEE HER TO FIND OUT THE AMOUNT YOU OWE.

Financial aid forms must be in the state office by April 15

When filling out scholarship applications make sure you spell correctly, answer all questions, and write neatly. Many scholarship committees will not look at scholarships that are messy and incomplete. When possible it is a good idea to type applications.



**Senior Trip
May 10th
Kings Island**



CAREER CORNER- Law Enforcement

There are many different areas of Law Enforcement. Individuals in law enforcement serve the public, protecting lives and property. They gather evidence and facts to separate the innocent from the guilty. Law enforcement officials also work in correction facilities and prisons.



Average Wage and Salary— this depends on the area of law enforcement
Indiana— Average Salary \$20,000-\$40,000

Nationally— Average Salary \$30,000-\$50,000

Job Opportunities— Individuals in law enforcement can work as: police officers, detectives, correction officers, parole officers, security guards

Who hires law enforcement officials? Local, state and national government, corporations, schools, airports, amusement parks, malls

Where can I get a law enforcement degree? Indiana Schools (please check with the individual school to find out exactly what license and degree is offered), visit www.triptocollege.org for schools offering this major or visit www.learnmoreindiana.org and click on College Navigator.



Senior Pictures, Baby Pictures, and Senior Questions are due NOW.

If you do not have senior pictures please email Mr. Matricardi or stop by her room

QUESTIONS?

Q: Should I file my FAFSA even if I think I will not get aid?

A: YES, some loans and scholarships require you to file a FAFSA.

